

# **SAN ANTONIO HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001  
3:00 P.M.**

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- 3:00 P.M. - Call to Order - Council Chambers, Municipal Plaza Building
- Roll Call
- Chairman's Statement

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **1 . Case No. 2001-256**

Mahncke Park  
San Antonio Parks and Recreation  
Department

Additions

### **2 . Case No. 2001-257**

105 Auditorium Circle  
SBC Services, Inc./Kami Rieke

Signage

### **3 . Case No. 2001-258**

112 King William Street  
Sidney and Janet Francis

Landscaping

### **4 . Case No. 2001-259**

175 East Houston Street  
SBC Services, Inc./Kami Rieke

Signage

### **5 . Case No. 2001-260**

645 South Main Avenue  
San Antonio Parks and Recreation  
Department

Renovations and Additions

6 .	<u>Case No. 2001-250</u>	303 East Summit Avenue Thomas Ashby Hardin	New Residential Construction
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13 .	<u>Case No. 2001-265</u>	329 Alamo Plaza The Nassal Company	Signage
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| 16 . <u>Case No. 2001-268</u> | 1014 South Alamo Street<br>Lisa Wong                                      | Storefront Enclosure                                  |
| 17 . <u>Case No. 2001-269</u> | 600 Soledad Street<br>City of San Antonio                                 | Acceptance and Placement<br>of Public Art Enhancement |
| 18 . <u>Case No. 2001-270</u> | 602 East Commerce Street<br>Greater San Antonio Chamber of<br>Commerce    | Landscaping   |
| 19 . <u>Case No. 2001-271</u> | 7900 West Military Drive<br>City Architect's Office (purchase<br>pending) | New Construction                                      |
| 20 . <u>Case No. 2001-255</u> | 2734 North St. Mary's Street<br>San Antonio Code Compliance<br>Department | Demolition  |
| 21 . <u>Case No. 2001-272</u> | Sea World Statues<br><br>City of San Antonio                              | Acceptance of Statues as<br>Gifts to City             |

**OTHER ITEMS:**

- Citizens to be heard.
- Briefing and discussion regarding demolition of Northrup Hall and construction of new administrative and academic building at Trinity University.
- Approval of the minutes of the meetings of October 17 and November 7, 2001.
- Staff Report
- Executive Session: Consultation on attorney - client matters
- Adjournment.

<p>PRIOR TO THE MEETING THE MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE. ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF MUST BE REQUESTED AT LEAST 48 HOURS BY CALLING 207-7245/TDD.</p>
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# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 1**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2001-256

**IDENTIFIER:**

**ADDRESS:** Mahncke Park

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Mahncke Park

**HISTORIC DISTRICT:**

**LANDMARK:**

**APPLICANT:** San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department

**OWNER:** SAME

**TYPE OF WORK:** Additions

## **REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to add a granite gravel trail with concrete border, concrete walks and ramps, guardrail, erosion control, landscaping, and drinking fountain. The accompanying exhibits provide additional information.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends approval of the additions, as presented. The additions are appropriate for this urban park setting and will enhance the appearance and utility of the park.

## **CASE COMMENTS:**

# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 2**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2001-257

**IDENTIFIER:**

**ADDRESS:** 105 Auditorium Circle

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 412, Lot 3-4

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

**HISTORIC DISTRICT:** Auditorium Circle

**LANDMARK:** Southwestern Bell Building - Significant

**APPLICANT:** SBC Services, Inc./Kami Rieke

**OWNER:** SAME

**TYPE OF WORK:** Signage

**REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to remove and replace existing signage on the property. The accompanying exhibits provide additional information.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends approval of the signage replacements, as presented. The proposed replacement signs are considerably smaller than the existing signs, meet all size limitations per applicable codes, and will improve the overall appearance of the property without having any adverse effects on the property or the district.

**CASE COMMENTS:**

# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 3**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2001-258

**IDENTIFIER:**

**ADDRESS:** 112 King William Street

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 737, Block 2, Lot N 117' of 2

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

**HISTORIC DISTRICT:** King William

**LANDMARK:**

**APPLICANT:** Sidney and Janet Francis

**OWNER:** SAME

**TYPE OF WORK:** Landscaping

**REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to install landscaping on the property. The accompanying exhibits provide additional information.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends approval of the landscaping, as presented. The proposed landscaping is architecturally and esthetically appropriate for the property and will have no adverse effects on the property, the neighborhood, or the district.

**CASE COMMENTS:**

# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 4**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2001-259

**IDENTIFIER:**

**ADDRESS:** 175 East Houston Street

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 403, Lot A3

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

**HISTORIC DISTRICT:**

**LANDMARK:** Texas Theater Façade and Marquee - Significant

**APPLICANT:** SBC Services, Inc./Kami Rieke

**OWNER:** SAME

**TYPE OF WORK:** Signage

## **REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to remove and replace existing signage on the property. The accompanying exhibits provide additional information.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends approval of the signage replacements, as presented. The replacement signage will significantly enhance the appearance of the property without having any adverse effects on the property or the landmark theater building thereon.

## **CASE COMMENTS:**

# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 5**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2001-260

**IDENTIFIER:**

**ADDRESS:** 645 South Main Avenue

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 929, Lot P101

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

**HISTORIC DISTRICT:**

**LANDMARK:** Commander's House - Significant

**APPLICANT:** San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department

**OWNER:** SAME

**TYPE OF WORK:** Renovations and Additions

**REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to perform maintenance repairs, to include minor woodwork, masonry, and roof repairs and painting of all exterior woodwork and metal roofs; and to install new porch light fixtures and ceiling fans. The accompanying exhibits provide additional information.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends approval of the request, as presented. The proposed maintenance and repair work will help protect the exterior finish and enhance the appearance of the landmark structure on the property and will have no adverse effects on the property.

**CASE COMMENTS:**



# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 6**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2001-250

**IDENTIFIER:**

**ADDRESS:** 303 East Summit Avenue

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 6882, Lots 18, 19, and 5' of 20

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

**HISTORIC DISTRICT:** Monte Vista

**LANDMARK:**

**APPLICANT:** Thomas Ashby Hardin

**OWNER:** SAME

**TYPE OF WORK:** New Residential Construction

## **REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for conceptual approval to construct a new home on the property. The accompanying exhibits provide additional information.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

During the November 7, 2001, commission meeting, the staff made the following recommendation:

"Although the staff believes that, in general, the design for this new home is architecturally and esthetically appropriate for its setting, the staff is very concerned about the drainage issue relating to this project. Therefore, the staff recommends that, prior to further action by the commission, this request is referred to the Architectural Committee for further consideration."

The staff's recommendation was followed and the committee met at the property on November 29, 2001. The committee will now report its findings, after which the staff may make additional or amended recommendations based on the committee's findings and any additional information that may be provided by the applicant at this time.

## **CASE COMMENTS:**

During the November 7, 2001, commission meeting, this request was referred to the Architectural Committee for further consideration. The committee met at the property on November 29, 2001, and will report its findings at this time.

# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 7**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2001-068

**IDENTIFIER:**

**ADDRESS:** 1901 South Alamo Street

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 2561, Block 5, Lot 1

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Proposed City of San Antonio One Stop Development Center

**HISTORIC DISTRICT:**

**LANDMARK:**

**APPLICANT:** City of San Antonio, Asset Management Department

**OWNER:** Municipal Facilities Corporation

**TYPE OF WORK:** New Construction

**REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for final approval to construct a new public building on the property. The accompanying exhibits provide additional information.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends final approval of the request, as presented. The applicant has worked consistently with the staff after the design phase of the project to resolve any concerns. The current proposal reflects the recommendations of the commission and the staff and the current design is appropriate for the setting of this urban city facility. However, the staff continues to suggest that additional landscaping be done at the west end of the parking lot. The UTSA Center for Archaeological Research has been engaged to locate the route of the acequia through the property.

**CASE COMMENTS:**

# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 8**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2000-371

**IDENTIFIER:**

**ADDRESS:** 517 North Presa Street

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 416, Block 23, Lot A-13

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

**HISTORIC DISTRICT:** RiverWalk

**LANDMARK:**

**APPLICANT:** Landry's Restaurants, Inc.

**OWNER:** John S. Case, III

**TYPE OF WORK:** Placement of Exterior Accessories

**REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to place exterior accessories, consisting of tables, chairs, and umbrellas, along the River Walk side of the restaurant on the property. The accompanying exhibits provide additional information.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

During the November 7, 2001, commission meeting, the staff made the following recommendation:

"The staff believes that this request should be referred to the RiverWalk Committee for further consideration prior to action by the commission. The staff is concerned about the spatial relationships of the tables, the umbrellas, and the pedestrian space required in this portion of the RiverWalk. The applicant is reminded that, per applicable city codes, pedestrian pass-throughs along the RiverWalk must be at least six feet wide and distances between outdoor table and chair sets must be a minimum of three feet to meet ADA access requirements."

The staff's recommendation was followed and the committee met at the property on November 28, 2001. The committee will now report its findings, after which the staff may make additional or amended recommendations based on the committee's findings and any additional information that may be provided by the applicant at this time.

**CASE COMMENTS:**

During the November 7, 2001, commission meeting, this request was referred to the Architectural Committee for further consideration. The committee met at the property on November 28, 2001, and will report its findings at this time.

# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 9**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2001-261  
**IDENTIFIER:**  
**ADDRESS:** 125 West Mistletoe  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 1836, Block 11, Lot 12  
**PUBLIC PROPERTY:**  
**HISTORIC DISTRICT:** Monte Vista  
**LANDMARK:**  
**APPLICANT:** Morris Goen  
**OWNER:** SAME  
**TYPE OF WORK:** Canopy Installations

## **REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to install black fabric canopies with aluminum frame supports over the second floor wood deck and above five of the west side windows of the home on the property. The accompanying exhibits provide additional information.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

After meeting with the applicant on site and examining the roof of the home, which was badly deteriorated prior to being repaired recently, the staff recommends approval of the request, as presented. In this instance, the canopies and aluminum support structures, as currently designed, are appropriate for the home on the property and will help protect the home without having any adverse effects on the property, the neighborhood, or the district.

## **CASE COMMENTS:**

# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 10**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2001-262

**IDENTIFIER:**

**ADDRESS:** 321 East Huisache

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 3087, Block 3, Lot 27P

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

**HISTORIC DISTRICT:** MonteVista

**LANDMARK:**

**APPLICANT:** R. Gary Thompson

**OWNER:** SAME

**TYPE OF WORK:** Demolition and New Construction

## **REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to demolish the existing one-story garage building on the property and construct a new two-door garage and shop building in the location of the existing garage building. The accompanying exhibits provide additional information.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends approval of the request with the stipulation that the applicant uses wood windows, wood siding, and paint to match the existing residence on the property in the new garage building. During the time between submission of the application and this meeting, the applicant agreed to this provision. Provided the stipulation is met, the proposed demolition and new construction will be architecturally and esthetically appropriate for the setting, code compliant, and will have no adverse effects on the property or the district.

## **CASE COMMENTS:**

# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 11**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2001-263

**IDENTIFIER:**

**ADDRESS:** Dwyer Avenue

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 174, Lot 27

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

**HISTORIC DISTRICT:**

**LANDMARK:**

**APPLICANT:** Loopy Limited Partnership

**OWNER:** Seco, Ltd.

**TYPE OF WORK:** New Construction

## **REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for conceptual approval to construct a new high-rise condominium building on the property. The accompanying exhibits provide additional information.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends conceptual approval of the plan, subject to the stipulation that additional information is provided to the commission regarding vehicle traffic circulation, overall site planning, representative floor plan, and exterior vistas, for consideration by the commission well in advance of submission of the final proposal. The staff believes that the conceptual plan, as presented, is basically appropriate for its setting; however, these issues need refinement and resolution prior to submission of the final proposal.

## **CASE COMMENTS:**

# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 12**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2001-264

**IDENTIFIER:**

**ADDRESS:** Downtown San Antonio

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Downtown Area

**HISTORIC DISTRICT:**

**LANDMARK:**

**APPLICANT:** Bender Wells Clark Design/Larry Clark

**OWNER:** City of San Antonio

**TYPE OF WORK:** Directional Signage

## **REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for conceptual approval to provide directional signage on numerous street corners and provide wayfinding/informational map panels at various mid-block locations in the downtown area. The accompanying exhibits provide additional information.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends conceptual approval of the request, with the following stipulations:

- (1) a map indicating the locations of the exact number of units to be installed is provided; and
- (2) prior to implementation of the entire proposal, part of the proposal is implemented in a representative high density area using removable facsimiles.

The staff believes that the proposed directional signage and wayfinding map panels are architecturally and esthetically appropriate for the downtown area and will significantly enhance the appearance and utility of the area, but believes the commissioners should view a facsimile in place prior to final approval.

## **CASE COMMENTS:**

# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 13**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2001-265

**IDENTIFIER:**

**ADDRESS:** 329 Alamo Plaza

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 423, Block 24, Lots A-11 to A-13

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

**HISTORIC DISTRICT:** Alamo Plaza

**LANDMARK:**

**APPLICANT:** The Nassal Company

**OWNER:** Service Group/Traci McLeod

**TYPE OF WORK:** Signage

## **REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to install a new tenant sign on the existing canopy on the property, install a new tenant sign on the blade sign below the existing canopy, and install a new tenant information sign on the new ticketbooth. The accompanying exhibits provide additional information.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends approval of the new signage, with the stipulation that the canopy sign is redesigned and moved to the existing building sign band. Provided this stipulation is followed, the staff believes that the proposed signage will be generally appropriate for its setting and will meet all applicable code requirements concerning size, lighting, materials, and mountings.

## **CASE COMMENTS:**



# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 14**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2001-266

**IDENTIFIER:** Josephine Theater

**ADDRESS:** 339 West Josephine Street

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 6859, Lot 12

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

**HISTORIC DISTRICT:**

**LANDMARK:**

**APPLICANT:** F. A. Miller

**OWNER:** Josephine Development Corporation, Inc.

**TYPE OF WORK:** Finding of Historic Significance

## **REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a finding of historic significance for the property. The accompanying exhibits provide additional information.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends approval of the finding of historic significance. The property meets the designation criteria for historic districts and landmarks, per Section 35-607(b)(5) of the Historic Preservation and Design Section of the Unified Development Code of San Antonio, as revised in 2001.

## **CASE COMMENTS:**

# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 15**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2001-267

**IDENTIFIER:**

**ADDRESS:** 1009 South Alamo Street

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 744, Block 3, Lot 3

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

**HISTORIC DISTRICT:** King William

**LANDMARK:** Pursch House - Significant

**APPLICANT:** Judith and Isaac Maxwell

**OWNER:** SAME

**TYPE OF WORK:** Renovations and Painting

## **REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to remove the existing security bars from the commercial building on the property and replace them with new fixed glass panels with wood frames, repair and/or replace deteriorated stucco and painting to match the existing colors. The accompanying exhibits provide additional information.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends approval of the request, as presented. Despite intensive research by the staff and the applicant, no information regarding the original facade was discovered. The staff believes that, although it probably does not reflect the original façade, the current proposal is an architecturally and esthetically appropriate renovation that will improve the appearance of the landmark structure on the property without having any adverse effects on the property or the district.

## **CASE COMMENTS:**

# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 16**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2001-268  
**IDENTIFIER:**  
**ADDRESS:** 1014 South Alamo Street  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 935, Block 1, Lot 1  
**PUBLIC PROPERTY:**  
**HISTORIC DISTRICT:** King William  
**LANDMARK:**  
**APPLICANT:** Lisa Wong  
**OWNER:** 1014 South Alamo JV/Jay Monday  
**TYPE OF WORK:** Storefront Enclosure

## **REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to enclose the existing covered patio area at the front of the commercial restaurant building on the property. The applicant also proposes to add an entrance pavilion at the north corner. The entrance includes the addition of panels above the door openings of the main façade to better define the façade proportions. The applicant will return with a signage package at a future time. The accompanying exhibits provide additional information.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends approval of the request. The addition to this non-contributing building in the district, while not replicating historic styles, does recognize the pattern of corner entrances and raised façade elements. Window openings, canopies, and flat roofs, are all part of the architectural vocabulary in the district. Establishing an entrance court takes advantage of the unusual lot shapes along South Alamo Street. The colors are appropriate for the neighborhood.

## **CASE COMMENTS:**

The applicant is advised that it will probably be necessary to obtain the approval of the Board of Adjustments due to the setback of surrounding properties.

# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 17**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2001-269

**IDENTIFIER:**

**ADDRESS:** 600 Soledad Street

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 912, Block 12, Lot 11

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** San Antonio Central Public Library

**HISTORIC DISTRICT:**

**LANDMARK:**

**APPLICANT:** City of San Antonio

**OWNER:** SAME

**TYPE OF WORK:** Acceptance and Placement of Public Art Enhancement

**REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to accept and place in the central library atrium a monumental glass sculpture by world renowned glass artist Dale Chihuly. The sculpture was commissioned by the San Antonio Public Library Foundation in honor of the San Antonio Public Library's Centennial Year 2003. The accompanying exhibits provide additional information.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff heartily recommends approval of the request, as presented. The glass sculpture is esthetically appropriate for its proposed setting and will significantly enhance the interior appearance of the main library.

**CASE COMMENTS:**

# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 18**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2001-270

**IDENTIFIER:**

**ADDRESS:** 602 East Commerce Street

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 872, Lots A1, A2, A10, A11, A14

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Chamber of Commerce Courtyard

**HISTORIC DISTRICT:**

**LANDMARK:**

**APPLICANT:** Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

**OWNER:** City of San Antonio

**TYPE OF WORK:** Landscaping

## **REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to landscape the courtyard of the public building on the property. The accompanying exhibits provide additional information.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends approval of the request, with the stipulation that the cover panels toward the west wall be omitted to allow more space around the canopy. The staff believes that, provided this stipulation is met, the proposed landscaping will be appropriate for its setting and will significantly enhance the appearance and utility of the courtyard.

## **CASE COMMENTS:**

# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 19**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2001-271

**IDENTIFIER:**

**ADDRESS:** 7900 West Military Drive

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Proposed Southwest Branch Library

**HISTORIC DISTRICT:**

**LANDMARK:**

**APPLICANT:** City Architect's Office (purchase pending)

**OWNER:** SAME

**TYPE OF WORK:** New Construction

**REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for conceptual approval of plans to construct a new 14,500-square-foot branch public library building on the property. The accompanying exhibits provide additional information.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends conceptual approval of the plan, as presented. The staff believes that the colors, materials, and other design elements of the proposed library facility are architecturally and esthetically appropriate for its setting. The design is sensitive to the environment and will enliven the neighborhood.

**CASE COMMENTS:**

# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 20**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2001-255

**IDENTIFIER:**

**ADDRESS:** 2734 North St. Mary's Street

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 2870, Lot Pt. O

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

**HISTORIC DISTRICT:**

**LANDMARK:** Rubiola Store - State of Texas Landmark Property

**APPLICANT:** San Antonio Code Compliance Department

**OWNER:** Center City Mercantile, LLC

**TYPE OF WORK:** Demolition

## **REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting permission to demolish the outbuilding on the property. The accompanying exhibits provide additional information.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Based on additional information discovered since the November 7, 2001, commission meeting, the staff now recommends denial of the demolition. The property is a state and city landmark (the main structure was designated Exceptional by the city) and was the site of the late nineteenth- or early twentieth century-vintage Rubiola Store. The existing structure on the property was an outbuilding for the store and is the only remaining vestige of the store-residence complex. A history of the property and the Rubiola family that occupied the site, and architectural information about the store that once stood on the property, are included in the accompanying exhibits.

## **CASE COMMENTS:**

During the November 7, 2001, commission meeting, this request was referred to the Demolition Committee for further consideration. The committee met at the property on November 29, 2001, and will report its findings at this time.

# **HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**December 5, 2001**

**Agenda Item No: 21**

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2001-272

**IDENTIFIER:** Sea World Statues

**ADDRESS:**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Statues

**HISTORIC DISTRICT:**

**LANDMARK:**

**APPLICANT:** City of San Antonio

**OWNER:** SAME

**TYPE OF WORK:** Acceptance of Statues as Gifts to City

## **REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to accept 17 bronze life-sized statues of famous Texans from Sea World and the accompanying bronze plaques that describe the statue, give brief histories of the persons, and identify the artists. The 17 statues represent famous Texans and were originally commissioned by Sea World for the Texas History Walk. The statues were created by several well-known artists and represent a diverse group of Texans who had both state and national significance. A listing of the statues and the artists are attached. The Public Art Committee has reviewed the proposal and is prepared to make a recommendation.

The statues are being donated at this time so that the City Council can accept the gift during calendar year 2001. Placement of the statues will be determined at a later date and the applicant will return to the commission for approval of placement.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends approval for acceptance of these statues, which will be a welcome addition to the city's artworks.

## **CASE COMMENTS:**